



**In the Missouri Court of Appeals
Eastern District
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

IN THE INTEREST OF D.P.P.

) No. ED96324
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) Appeal from the Circuit Court
) of St. Francois County
) 10SF-JU00149
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) Honorable Sandra Martinez
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) Filed: December 6, 2011

OPINION SUMMARY

Denise Wilcox ("Mother") appeals the judgment terminating her parental rights to D.P.P.

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

Southern Division holds: Because Mother requested a court-appointed attorney and demonstrated an inability to employ counsel, the trial court committed reversible error by failing to appoint counsel or obtain an affirmative waiver. Therefore, the judgment terminating Mother's parental rights to D.P.P. is reversed and the cause is remanded for proceedings consistent with this opinion.

Opinion by: Glenn A. Norton, J. Kurt S. Odenwald, C.J., and Sherri B. Sullivan, J., concur.

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